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MANY WILL PAY TAXES

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NO EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED

The Number of New Tax Payers Will Run Up Into the Hundreds and Vigorous Objections Are Expected

There are going to be a great many surprised residents of Clatsop county this year. Heretofore exemptions have always been allowed in compiling the assessment roll of the county, but this year there will be no exemptions. Everybody who owns property, real or personal, will be taxed, and, as many were never before assessed, they will be astonished when they receive notice to call and settle.

The special session of the legislature is responsible for the new order of things. At the special gathering the assessment law was allowed. The bill was passed in very bad shape, it appears, and attached to it was a provision that it should become effective 90 days after its approval. Now, the assessor is supposed to make his levies on March 1, and the new bill did not become effective until March 24. To this circumstance is due the fact that the usual stipulation for exemptions does not hold good on this year's assessment.

Assessor Cornelius stated yesterday that he at first supposed he would be able to make the usual exemptions, but he communicated with other county assessors and learned that they were not doing so. Later he consulted District Attorney Allen and that official advised him to make no exemptions. Accordingly, he is taxing everybody on personal holdings, and the number of taxpayers in Clatsop county will, as a result, be greater this year than ever before.

"Heretofore the assessor has always allowed exemptions of \$300," said Mr.

Cornelius yesterday. "I have made personal property assessments in the past by levying on a man's possessions, and then going over the roll and reducing each assessment in the sum of \$300, the amount of the exemption. Many persons owned property of less value than \$300 and were not assessed. However, this year all will be taxed."

"For a time I thought it would be all right to go ahead and make the personal property assessments as they have been made in the past; but there was bound to be a row. The owners of timber lands would complain, I was assured, and, as other assessors were complying strictly with the letter of the law, I deemed it expedient to follow suit. Many persons will consequently be taxed who have never before been assessed, and there will, I suppose, be lots of kicking. The new order of things means that everything must be taxed, and doctors, lawyers and such people will be required to pay taxes this year on personal property. The number of new taxpayers will run into the hundreds. The exemption provision of the law will be in effect for next year's assessment, and \$300 will be taken from each assessment."

The amount of last year's exemptions was about \$140,000.

Assessor Cornelius is of the opinion that this year's assessment roll will be just about as large as last year's. The roll is not yet made up, but the assessor is industriously at work on it.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

There will be the usual services at the Baptist church tomorrow. "Temptations" will be the subject of the morning sermon and "The Reappearance of Elijah" the theme of the evening.

Rev. J. A. Edlund of Los Angeles will assist in the services at the First Lutheran church tomorrow. Communion at 10 a. m. Evening service in English.

Charles A. Moraghan, president of the M. B. Moraghan Oyster Company, came up from San Francisco on the Elder and stopped in Astoria yesterday. Mr. Moraghan is on his way to Nahcotta, to look after business interests on Shoal bay.

READY FOR SENTENCE

"Harry Hogue," Who Held Up Larson at Astoria Pleads Guilty of Highway Robbery.

WILL NOT GIVE HIS NAME

Prisoner Was a Soldier at Fort Stevens Three Months Ago and Says He Needed Money to Go Home on.

Because he wanted to get the money to make a trip to his home in the east, "Harry Hogue" held up L. Larson on the night of Aug. 1, and is now facing a 20-year term in the penitentiary. The young man was returned to the city yesterday from Portland, where he was captured by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow. He was given an examination before Justice Goodman and held in \$1000 bonds to await trial in the circuit court upon a charge of highway robbery. In default of bail he was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Linville.

"Harry Hogue" is an alias which the young man has been using. To Captain of Police Gammal he admitted that this was not his correct name, and he told the officer he would not divulge his name. He said he did not want his mother to learn of his crime.

The prisoner had been a soldier at Fort Stevens, having enlisted about three months ago. He states that while at the post he received a letter from his mother in which the information was conveyed that his father had died. His mother begged him to come home. The young man was without means, so determined to commit a robbery. He came to Astoria Monday afternoon, August 1, and shortly after 12 o'clock that night held up Larson at the corner of Eleventh street and Grand avenue, relieving him of \$1 and a valuable gold watch. Then the soldier returned to the post, walking over from Astoria. On Friday night he walked back to the city and took the Hassalo for Portland.

Reaching the metropolis "Hogue" went to a pawnbroker's—the only honest pawnbroker he ever came across, he says. He showed the man the watch and asked him what he would give for it. When the dealer saw the timepiece he stepped to the telephone and asked for Mr. Hartman. Now, Hartman was the detective who was at Stevens some time ago investigating some matters for the government, and the robber was familiar with the name. He did not tarry, but ran away. The pawnbroker had a fairly good description of him and the police were started on his track. He eluded the officers for several days by hiding at a sailor boarding house, but was finally caught there. He did not deny the robbery and readily submitted to arrest.

Captain Gammal asked "Hogue" whether or not he had ever before committed a robbery. He said that he had not done so, and would not have been involved this time had it not been for his mother's letter. He is now repentant, realizing that a long penitentiary term awaits him. He is but 19 years of age, although he admits having given his age as 23. He is dark complexioned, and is a quarter-breed Indian or Spaniard. Detectives Snow and Kerrigan came down with Captain Gammal and appeared yesterday before Justice Goodman. The prisoner has confessed his guilt and his conviction is a foregone conclusion. The penalty for his crime is from five to 20 years' imprisonment. All efforts to induce him to give his real name proved futile, nor would he state the town in which his mother lives. There may or may not be any truth in his story about the death of his father. The holdup was carefully planned, and the robber's excellent system in turning the trick denoted some knowledge of the business.

SAY SCATTERED SQUADRON.

Russian Boats Dispersed, but Destroyers Regained Port Arthur.

London, Aug. 12.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Japanese legation here says:

"According to reports received up to the present, the Russian squadron emerged from Port Arthur, was attacked by our fleet south of Yentao, and dispersed. The Askold, Novik and another cruiser and a destroyer took refuge at Kiao Chou. Another destroyer took refuge at Chefoo. On August 11, five Russian battleships, a cruiser—probably the Diana, a hospital ship and several torpedo destroyers seemed to regain Port Arthur. Our fleet is believed to be undamaged.

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SAND ISLAND QUESTION.

U. S. District Attorney Believes Oregon Has a Right to It.

United States District Attorney John Hall believes that Oregon has a legal claim in its contention with Washington state over title to Sand Island and the right of the Oregon fisheries department to collect fishing licenses there. In 1864 the government recognized the right of this state to the island by making application to the legislature for the reservation of the sandy formation. The state granted the request of the government and set aside Sand Island as a reserve for national use. District Attorney Hall says of the matter: "Oregon should raise at least \$1000 or \$2000 if necessary, to contest its claims for the ownership of Sand Island. In my mind there is little question as to its right to claim ownership, but since such friction has been aroused between the officials of the two states, and since Washington, as it is announced, proposes to sell the island to private parties, the contention should be definitely determined. The government acknowledged Oregon's ownership in 1864, when it applied to our legislature for the island to be ceded to the government." In this connection it is interesting to note the official description of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington. The boundaries of this state are stipulated as follows in the act of congress: "Beginning one marine league at sea, due west from the point where the 42d parallel of north latitude intersects the same; thence northerly, at the same distance from the line of the coast, lying west and opposite the state, including all islands within the jurisdiction of the United States, to a point due west and opposite the middle of the north ship channel of the Columbia river; thence easterly, to and up the middle channel of said river, and where it is divided by the islands, up the middle of the widest channel thereof," etc. The same description of the boundaries of Washington is given in the act of congress, admitting that state to the union. In consequence there has been a continual wrangle over the possession of the island. Those who have recently been arrested will likely apply for writs of habeas corpus, and in that way bring the question before the attention of the federal authorities.

DROVE ACROSS CONTINENT.

Wore Out Four Sets of Wheels Between California and Michigan.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner have arrived at South Chicago on a trip from California with a horse and buggy. They left Los Angeles on December 2, and will go to Akron, Mich., where Mr. Skinner, who is 78 years old, will visit Frank Lewis, a comrade in the Seventeenth Michigan Infantry. Four sets of wheels have been worn out on the journey. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner will return to California in the same way.

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